

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 29
(MC2016-120)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-150

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO
PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS & PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 29

(May 19, 2017)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29.²

The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of the Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 3252, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29 to the Competitive

¹ PRC Notice Initiating Docket No. CP2016-150, May 15, 2017

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Amendment to First-Class Package Service Contract 29, with Portions Filed Under Seal. May 12, 2017. (Request).

Product List.³ The instant amendment amends the terms of Sections I.G, I.H, and I.J under this contract.

The effective date for the Amendment to Contract 29 is two (2) business days following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. , Notice at 1. The contract, as originally filed, was set to expire 3 years from its effective date, unless either party terminated the contract on 30 days' prior written notification, or other specific events.⁴

COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 29 , as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

Finally, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 29 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29 in a future Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) report for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

³ See Order No. 3252 Order Adding Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 29 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2016-120/CP2016-150, April 19, 2016. The instant amendment is the third amendment to the original contract.

⁴ See Comments of the Public Representative in Docket No. MC2016-120/CP2016-150, April 18, 2016

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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